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Reagan Is Told By Kirkpatrick She Will Leave

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 — Jeane J. Kirkpatrick emerged from a meeting with President Reagan today and said that she would soon leave her post at the United Nations to resume teaching, writing and speaking out on public issues.

The statement by Dr. Kirkpatrick, who has been chief United States delegate to the world organization, came after months of speculation about her future in the Administration.

Dr. Kirkpatrick is known to have been unhappy at the United Nations as well as with the basic divisions between conservatives and moderates within the Administration. She announced she wanted to leave the job last November.

Smiling and Relaxed

Dr. Kirkpatrick declined to say whether Mr. Reagan had offered her another job in the Administration, although White House officials said in recent days that she would be asked about the possibility of taking over the Agency for International Development.

Dr. Kirkpatrick, smiling and relaxed, told reporters today: "During four years I have not commented in public on private conversations with

the President. I don't think it's appropriate."

While there were suggestions in recent weeks that Mr. Reagan would offer Dr. Kirkpatrick a new job, there was no specific indication that he had done so. Dr. Kirkpatrick has said in the past that she would take a job only with Cabinet rank and with membership on the National Security Council.

Today she held a 35-minute meeting with Mr. Reagan in the Oval Office, and later said that "the time has come" to return to private life.

She added: "In private life — perhaps even more than in public life — I can speak out clearly on behalf of such shared foreign policy objectives as restoring and preserving American strength, supporting democracy and independence in the Hemisphere, defending our friends, our principles and our interests in the Middle East and elsewhere."

Speaking to reporters in a packed White House press room, Dr. Kirkpatrick said, "I now feel that I can best serve the President and our shared objectives for the United States and the world by returning to teaching and writing."

Takes Effect March 1

Dr. Kirkpatrick said her resignation would take effect March 1, or as soon as a successor was appointed. A White House official said the leading candidate to replace Dr. Kirkpatrick was Gen. Vernon A. Walters, an Ambassador at Large and former Deputy Director of Central Intelligence.

Sources close to Dr. Kirkpatrick said her statement today reflected "not bitterness, but disappointment" about the way American foreign policy under Secretary of State George P. Shultz and

others had evolved.

The officials said Dr. Kirkpatrick had spent "considerable time" on the statement and that it was designed to reflect her strong feelings that "the foreign policy objectives that she shares with the President are no longer the foreign policy objectives of many of the people in the Administration."

In recent years Dr. Kirkpatrick has been at odds with Mr. Shultz and others over Central America, arms control negotiations and relations with the Soviet Union.

Shultz Seeks 'Team Player'

Mr. Shultz has indicated that he wants the new United Nations chief delegate to be more of a "team player" under his aegis, and has raised the possibility that whoever is appointed should not serve in the Cabinet. General Walters has indicated that he would take the job only if it had Cabinet rank.

Asked if she was disappointed at not being offered a top-level foreign policy job in Mr. Reagan's second term, Dr. Kirkpatrick replied with an emphatic, "No, no, no, no, no."

"If I wanted a top foreign policy job in the second term I would have remained as U.S. permanent representative to the United Nations," she said. "I would like to emphasize that."

It has been made clear in recent weeks that Mr. Reagan and such officials as William J. Casey, Director of Central Intelligence, had wanted her to remain in the Administration. But Mrs. Kirkpatrick ruled out jobs that were said to have been suggested.

Dr. Kirkpatrick told reporters today that she actually wrote her resignation announcement Tuesday night. Larry Speakes, the White House spokesman, said later that the announcement could have been withheld, and there were indications that, until the last minute,

Mr. Reagan wanted Dr. Kirkpatrick to remain in the Administration.

A prominent Washington academic and scholar before taking the United Nations job, Dr. Kirkpatrick said she wanted to leave the United Nations job to return to the capital, in part because she was weary of shuttling between New York and Washington.

Dr. Kirkpatrick said today: "I held an endowed chair at Georgetown University. For four years I have been on leave from that chair. I do not feel in conscience that I can tie up those scarce resources of the university. In good conscience it would be necessary for me to resign that chair if I were to continue in Government."

"Quite frankly I don't want to do that. I am very committed to teaching and writing and the independence that goes with that. It's the life I intend to return to."

She added: "I explained to the President how grateful I felt to have had the opportunity to represent the United States at the United Nations and serve as a member of his Cabinet. I thanked the President for his confidence and support during the past four years."

"It has been an extraordinary honor to speak for freedom in that world forum," she added. "I believe that both the United States and the United Nations are stronger today and I am proud of my contribution to that end."